

REMARKS

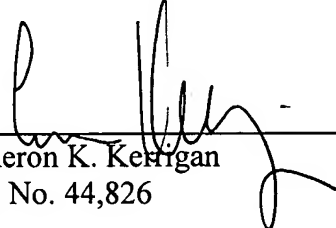
In response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2004, Applicants have elected species I, claims 1-6, 9-14, 17 and 18, and canceled non-elected claims 7, 8, 15, and 16. Applicants have made minor modifications to claims 2 and 10 to better clarify the claims. Applicants have also amended Figs. 9(a), 9(b), 12, 13(a), 14, and 17 as requested by the Examiner in the Examiner Interview of July 23, 2004. No new matter has been added.

Issuance of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any issues with respect to the presented claims, applicant request that the Examiner call the undersigned attorney of record so as to expedite prosecution of this application.

The undersigned authorizes any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1850.

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Respectfully submitted,

  
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